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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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WASHINGTON -- Rep Kika de la Garza announced today he had been named to the Committee on Merchant and Fisheries for the 92nd Congress which is now getting under way.

Rep de la Garza retains membership on the House Agriculture Committee on which he has served since entering Congress.

The South Texas Congressman expressed gratification over his new assignment, pointing out that the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee has great importance for South Texas.

"My two committee assignments put me in a position to be of maximum service to our area's agriculture, maritime shipping and shrimp industry", he said. "All three are vital to the South Texas economy".

The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee has jurisdiction over legislative matters relating to the merchant marine generally, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Coast Guard, Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation. The range of its responsibilities includes legislation concerning registration and licensing of vessels and small boats, the Panama Canal, and rules and international arrangements to prevent collision at sea.

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